A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT...

Instrumental Music 2017

Please contact Mrs Brown or Mr Jensen before buying any instruments for 2017. Due to the growth of our Instrumental Music Program this year, some instrument choices are going to be restricted in numbers in 2017. To avoid disappointment PLEASE CHECK FIRST!

2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

JANUARY
16 GSPS Office reopens for business
23 TERM 1 SCHOOL BEGINS
26 Australia Day Holiday
FEBRUARY
2 Day 8
MARCH
25 Gundy State Fantastic Fete
31 End of Term 1
APRIL
14 Good Friday
17 Easter Monday
18 TERM 2 SCHOOL BEGINS
25 ANZAC DAY
MAY
1 Public Holiday
16 School Photos
JUNE
23 End of Term 2
JULY
10 TERM 3 SCHOOL BEGINS
AUGUST
19/25 Year 6 trip to Canberra
SEPTEMBER
15 End of Term 3
OCTOBER
2 Public Holiday
3 TERM 4 SCHOOL BEGINS
16 PFD Staff Professional Development Days
25/27 Year 4 camp to Leslie Dam
NOVEMBER
13/17 Year 5 camp to Tallebudgera
DECEMBER
8 End of Term 4

TUCKSHOP CLOSES FOR 2016 ON WED 7TH
It will not be open Thursday or Friday.
Please settle any outstanding accounts
Welcome to Week 9. We have continued to celebrate the achievements of our students this week with our Celebration Assembly, where reading achievements and attendance were acknowledged this morning and Gold Pass today. Congratulations to all students who achieved these benchmarks and who made great gains in their reading and attendance. We also had a visit from our very own Captain Great who presented the attendance certificates and drew the iPod Shuffle prize for our P—2 and 3-6 students. What a wonderful effort and great fun too!

Thank you to the Reading with Miss Georgia Foundation for once again sponsoring our shared BBQ breakfast and the reading prizes. Our attendance goal is 92%. We have been working very hard to improve our attendance over the past three years and have achieved our goal with a current rate of 92.5%. What a great improvement.

Our Year 6 students had a very successful and interesting transition to the high school earlier this week. They experienced a range of subjects, worked in their future classrooms and got a taste of high school life in the breaks and on assembly. It was great to visit them and see them all keen and engaged.

I am currently reading student reports and very pleased in the successes and goals our students have achieved. Reports are sent home next Wednesday at 3pm. If your child is not at school you may collect them from the office from 3pm or later in the week. If your family requires a duplicate copy please advise your child’s class teacher so this can be arranged.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Presentation Ceremony next Wednesday evening where we celebrate what has been a very full and productive year of learning. We have some very special guests, which includes our students, to make the evening great fun for all. As usual it will be a show for all ages. We will also be announcing our school leaders for 2017. The nominating students made speeches of very high quality and with great confidence and should all be very proud of their efforts. Mr Hallett from GSHS was there for a number of speeches and commented on how great the standard was. I hope you have a full and rewarding week and I look forward to celebrating a great year with you in the coming week.

Warm regards

Carmel Schaamburg

From the Deputy...

Lions Christmas Appeal

Collection for our schools’ contribution to the needy in our district through the Lions Christmas Appeal has commenced. Baskets are placed in each classroom, and we ask that families contribute towards grocery hampers that are presented to the Lions Club at our Presentation Ceremony. These hampers are then distributed to those less fortunate in the lead up to the Christmas season. We ask that you consider the following when making your contribution:

- non-perishable items only (tins/packets/bottles/sealed containers)
- please check the use-by date on your contribution
- could be a ‘Christmas’ item, or an everyday grocery product

We look forward to our community strongly supporting this highly valued contribution, as you have over many years.

Presentation Ceremony

Our Presentation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 07 December, starting at 6:00pm in our Multipurpose Hall. This year, we will be using the theme ‘A Country Christmas’. The night will feature the graduation of our Year 6 students, presentation of the P and C Book Awards and major prizes, Christmas musical items and the announcement of our 2017 School Leadership Team. We warmly invite parents and community supporters to join us, and ask that as many students as possible attend on the night. We ask that student who are coming are prepared to:

- Wear full school uniform
- Sit with their class at the front of the hall
- Remain for the entire presentation ceremony

Positive Behaviour For Learning

This week our classes have been working on activities from Bounce Back, our social skills program. Here are the main points that Bounce-Back teaches students:

Bad times don’t last. Things get better. Stay optimistic
Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check
Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again
Nobody’s perfect. Not you and not others.
Concentrate on the positives, no matter how small and use laughter.
Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection, and setbacks sometimes, not just you. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them
Blame fairly. How much of what happened was because of YOU, OTHERS or BAD LUCK
Accept what you can’t change and try and change what you can
Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don’t believe the worst possible picture
Keep things in perspective. It’s one part of your life.

Kind Regards

Lew Verney

TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A great night was enjoyed on Friday night at our Twilight Swimming Carnival. Great participation, the P and C cooked a delicious BBQ, and for once it didn’t storm! The carnival results were:

AGE CHAMPIONS
8yo - Thomas Smith and Lucy Hallett
9yo - Charlie Privitera and Bethany Casey/Megan Morris
10yo – Marcus Anderson and Maddison Hallett
11yo - Tyler Mckeown and Kaidee Milligean
12yo - Murdoch Johnstone and Raylee Amos

HOUSE POINTS
4th - Lucas 118
3rd- Watson 162
2nd - Campbell - 231
1st - Bishop 278

Thanks to all students who competed and all parents and school supporters who attended